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Using Multiple Recognition Sites**
Inventors: CHESNUT *et al.*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. SKGF Cover Letter;
2. Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment;
3. Claim For Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) In Utility Application;
and
4. One (1) return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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In advance of prosecution, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. This Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is provided in the following format:

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- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims; and
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